



Dear Parents and Prospective Sophomore Honor Students:

This summer all sophomore honor students will be required to read *Night*, by Elie Wiesel. *Night* is a first-hand account of the writer's experiences as a Jew in Nazi concentration camps during The Holocaust. Students are expected to be prepared to discuss and write about the literary elements (theme, symbol, character, etc.) when school resumes in August.

In addition, all students, regardless of which sophomore honors teacher they have, need to complete the essay assignment that is posted below.

If you use any outside sources to help you with your essay, you must cite and document them using MLA in-text citation **and** a works cited page. All essays need to be typed and in MLA format.

We are looking forward to working with you!

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### **Essay Prompt and Directions: (This is due on the first day back)**

**Directions-** Write a COMPREHENSIVE, detailed essay which addresses **ONE** of the following **PROMPTS Below**. USE DIRECT QUOTES from the novel IN ONE WELL-WRITTEN ESSAY.

Somewhere within the essay you must reference at least 3 direct quotes from the novel.

1. Often in literature, a character will undergo a spiritual journey that coincides with the narration of the plot. In *Night*, identify a spiritual reassessment or journey and explain its significance to the work as a whole.
2. Authors use imagery to help establish tone and purpose in their literature. Write a well-organized essay in which you discuss how Wiesel's use of imagery helps establish the tone and purpose in *Night*.